6. Jaunpur
7. Pauri Garhwal
8. Sultanpur
9. Tehri Garhwal
10. Uttar Kashi
11. Kanpur Dehat.

Industrial growth

2180. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of industrial growth in the country during the first quarter of 1985 and the corresponding progress for each quarter in the years 1983 and 1984;

(b) the sector-wise breakup of industrial growth during the first quarter of 1985; and

(c) the target of industrial growth in the country likely to be achieved during the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The rates of industrial growth during the first quarter of 1985 as also during each of the quarters of 1983 and 1984 over the corresponding quarters of previous year are as follows:

Quarter	1983	1984	1985
First .	(+)4.1	(+)7.6	(+)4.8
Second .	(+)3.5	(+)6.1	
Third .	(+)4.9	(+)8.4	
Fourth .	(+)5.5	(+)3.9	

(b) The sector-wise breakup of industrial growth rates during the first quarter of 1985 is as follows:

Sector	Percentage growth
Mining & quarrying . .	(+) 3.8
Manufacturing . . .	(+) 3.6
Electricity	(+) 7.7
Overall	(+) 4.8

(c) The Seventh Five Year Plan envisages an annual average growth rate of 7 per cent for the industrial sector.

Parveen Gas Service, Bhiwani

2181. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Parveen Gas Service an agency of Bharat Petroleum, has recently been opened at Bhiwani in Haryana;

(b) if so, how many persons have been registered with the Agency and by when it would be possible to release the gas connections to them;

(c) whether it is also a fact that an advertisement has been published in the newspaper 'Dainik Tribune' (Hindi) of the 29th June, 1985 regarding allotment of gas connections through lottery system and not according to seniority, if so, by whom;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the agency registered the names of those who sent the requests by Registered post and do not register the names of persons who went there personally;

(e) if so, whether Government have changed the procedure for giving new gas connections; if not, what action Government propose to take against the said agency; and

(f) by when the first lot of gas connections is likely to be allotted to the agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 9162 persons have been registered by them. The release of connections will start by end of this month.

(c) and (d) An advertisement was published on the 29th June, 1985, by the Corporation laying down the procedure for application and conditions of eligibility, wherein it was specified that all applications should be sent by

Registered Post and applications received upto the last date would be treated at par and the waiting list numbers of the applications would be decided by draw of lots. Gas connections will be released according to the seniority list thus prepared.

(e) No, Sir. The present procedure being followed by the Corporation does not represent any departure from the previous practice followed by the industry in drawing up waiting lists in virgin markets.

(f) By the end of this month.

Hardship to pensioners at Bhiwani Post office

2182. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pensioners belonging to P&T Department and family pensioners of the deceased P&T employees drawing pension from Bhiwani Post Office (Haryana) are not being paid the increased grade relief due from January, 1985 onwards;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action Government propose to take against the officers responsible for this, due to which the pensioners/family pensioners are facing hardship?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare issued orders in this connection in the middle of July, 1985. The orders have been communicated to all Postmaster-Generals on 2-8-1985. Postmaster-General Ambala has directed to arrange to make payment at once. There is no delay in payment of relief by the Bhiwani Post Office.

Separate Telephone Corporations

2183. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Members of the Telecommunication Board, including the Chairman, who were on the interministerial Committee constituted to study in-depth the concept of the proposed separate Telephone Corporations to manage telephones in Bombay and Delhi are opposed to the idea of separate phone Corporations for each of these two metropolitan cities:

(b) whether Government have examined the merits and demerits of having one or separate corporations from the point of performance of the system in these two cities, if so the outcome thereof: and

(c) how long it is likely to take to make a start with the proposed Telephone Corporation systems in these two metropolitan cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) The inter-Ministerial Committee has submitted its report. The Government is examining it. No decision has as yet been taken on the proposal for setting up a corporate body to develop and operate telephone services in Bombay and Delhi.

Efficient working of telephone system

2184. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether since the setting up of the Area Managers' institution in the Delhi Telephone District, any assessment of the working of the telephone system under their charge, prompt redressal of the subsribers' complaints and the letters received from them pointing out laxity on the part